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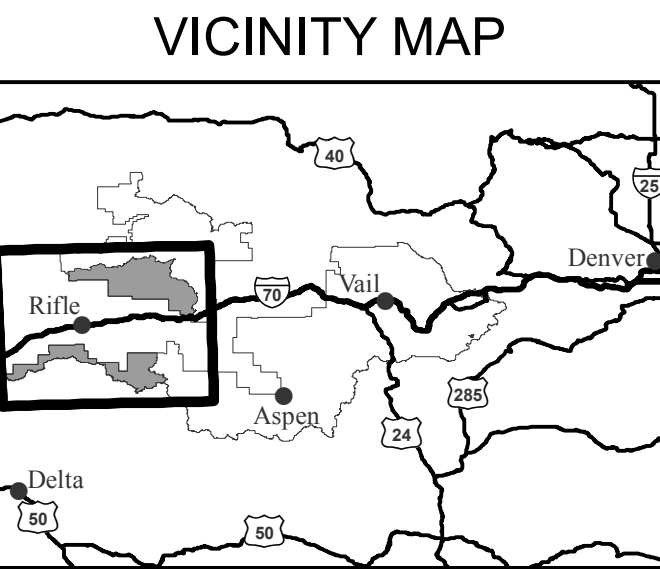
Rifle Ranger District

National Forest

Use Map

Winter

Motor Vehicle



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White River National Forest
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In case of emergency, Dial 911



RIDE RESPONSIBLY

Responsible use is key to the success of travel management and a sustainable recreation system.

- It's your responsibility to know where Prohibited Areas are, including Wilderness.
- Travel only in open areas or on routes as identified on the motor vehicle use map.
- Be respectful of other forest users and private property owners.
- Avoid trails with inadequate snow cover
- Respect wildlife's wintering habitat
- Plan your visit and be safe
- Help maintain the integrity and investment of groomed routes.

WINTER SAFETY

Planning your visit in advance will help ensure you have a great time.

- Let someone know before you go. Tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you expect to return. Cell phones rarely work within the forest.
- Check the forecast before arriving and bring equipment for changing conditions (e.g., waterproof gear, extra layers).
- Check avalanche conditions before arriving and avoid riding in potential avalanche areas. For current conditions, visit <http://avalanche.state.co.us/index.php>.
- Carry avalanche protection (e.g., emergency beacon, shovel).
- Be safe. Don't ride alone.

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Legend

Plowed Route:

Route maintained for winter wheeled motor vehicle access

Route shown in Open Motorized area for informational purposes only

Designated Routes in Restricted Areas:

Routes open to over-snow motorized vehicles where over-snow travel is restricted to designated routes (100 feet either side)

Motorized Prohibited Areas:

Area where no motorized over-snow use is permitted

Restricted Areas - Motorized Routes Only:

Area where motorized over-snow use is permitted only on designated motorized routes.

Open Motorized Areas:

Areas where motorized over-snow use is permitted without restriction.

Interstate

Highways, US, State

Other Public Roads

Hut

Information

Trailhead

Forest or Unit Boundary

National Forest System Lands

Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest

Wilderness Boundary

Political Boundary

Township and Range Lines

Lakes and Rivers

0 0.4750 0.95 1.9 Miles

PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

This winter motor vehicle use map identifies those routes and areas designated for winter motor vehicle use under 36 CFR 212 Subpart C for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13 and 36 CFR 261.14.

Winter season is considered the snow season. Over-snow motorized travel begins Nov. 23 and ends May 20. Over-snow vehicle is defined as: a motor vehicle that is designed for use over snow and runs on a track or tracks and/or ski or skis while in use over snow. (36 CFR 212.1.)

A route may be open to summer modes of travel during the winter season per special order. Check with local ranger district. Refer to Summer MVUM between May 21 and Nov. 22.

The designations shown on this winter motor vehicle use map (MVUM) were made by the responsible official pursuant to 36 CFR 212 Subpart C, are effective as of the date on the front cover of this MVUM, and will remain in effect until superseded by a revised MVUM. It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current MVUM.

This MVUM shows the White River National Forest lands that are designated for winter over-snow motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212 Subpart C. This MVUM also identifies plowed routes open to wheeled motor vehicles as well as any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes and in those areas.

Designation of a route or area for winter motor vehicle use should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the route or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel.

Snowcats operating on maintained, groomed routes, must be equipped with and operating a grooming implement. Maintained, groomed routes are provided by the Forest Service or by other approved providers. Grooming off approved, maintained, groomed routes requires a permit or other authorization.

Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated routes or areas impassable for extended periods. Users are responsible for their own safety, which includes avalanche awareness. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. These designations apply only to National Forest System routes and lands.

PROHIBITIONS

Possession or operation of an over-snow vehicle on National Forest System lands in violation of restriction or prohibition established pursuant to 36 CFR 212, subpart C (36 CFR 261.14) is prohibited.

Violations of 36 CFR 261.14 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment of up to 6 months or both (U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the absence or presence of signs.

Routes and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures and visitors must comply with signs notifying them of such restrictions. A National Forest may issue an order to close a route or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health, or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas. Such temporary, emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52(b); 36 CFR 261, subpart B).

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands carries a great responsibility. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, you need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. As a motor vehicle operator, you are also subject to state traffic law, including state requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Over-snow vehicle use involves inherent risks that may result in property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote travel conditions. By your participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for damages incurred, and risks and dangers experienced. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility. Much of the White River National Forest is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the White River National Forest. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other supplies and equipment appropriate for seasonal conditions.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROUTES AND IN DESIGNATED OPEN AREAS.

Please read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the White River National Forest for clarification.

North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83)
Universal Transverse Mercator, zone 13N

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